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Only Four Clubs Returned to
1918 Cities.

The changes in big league baseball this year haven't been confined to the players and managers. Many of the clubs changed their training camps this spring. The 14 teams which are conditioning in the South and West only four returned to the quarters they occupied last season. The Cleveland, Washington and Chicago clubs in the American league and the Chicago Cubs in the old circuit were content with their 1918 spring homes. For the first time in years two of the major clubs will train at home. Connie Mack's Athletics and the St. Louis Cardinals will try the home-town weather. The Cardinals realize they are taking a chance, but figure that the spring out to be as mild as the winter. When Roger Bresnahan tried to prepare for the 1918 season at St. Louis, a series of snowstorms made training impossible and he was finally forced to dash to Mississippi with his string to get the men in shape for the season. Florida seems to appeal most to the pickers. Five squads are getting kinks in and then out of their systems in that state. Three teams are coveting in Georgia, two in Texas. California, Indiana, Louisiana and North Carolina boast of one squad each.

ROSTER OF THE ATLANTA CRACKERS

PITCHERS.
John B. Suggs, Camp Wheeler last year.
William Adams, with Philadelphia American league last season.
Thomas Sheehan, Atlanta club in 1917.
Harris Thorburn, Atlanta club in 1918.
Ad Brennan, Atlanta club in 1916, 1917, 1918.
A. H. Wingo, Atlanta club in 1918. Oglethorpe university.
L. P. Allen, Copperhill, Tenn., big left-hander.
R. K. Hasty, Fourth regiment, Camp Gordon.
Ray Roberts, Tenth battalion, Camp Gordon.
CATCHERS.
C. W. Rawson, all-Southern college player, Georgia.
D. A. Maraffino, four years with Villanova college.
Doc Neiderkorn, Atlanta 1916, 1917, secured experience army.
INFIELDERS.
I. Griffin, with Camp Wheeler last year, first baseman.
C. A. Galloway, with Atlanta last season.
Ralph King, with Camp Wheeler last year.
W. A. Moore (Scrappy), navy, Norfolk last year, Atlanta 1917.
Stokeley Bishop, Camp Jesup.
Harry Ashinger, Fourth regiment, Camp Gordon.
OUTFIELDERS.
Harry Mannish.
Sammy Mayer, Army T. M. C. A. (Capt.).
Lee C. Gooch, Camp Gordon last year.
A. A. Kahlert, Camp Jesup last year.
F. J. Lausche, Camp Gordon last year.
Loren Thrasher, Camp Johnston last year, Atlanta 1917.
J. H. Wheeler, in France seven months, lately returned.

Otto Knabe will stick to his business in Philadelphia until the opening day of the season, when he will join the Chicago Cubs and proceed to do some coaching.

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Southern Has Right To Govern Itself

So Holds President John D. Martin in Reply to Telegram
From Garry Herrmann of National Commission
—BY BOB FIGUE—

INTERESTING THAT THE Southern league has the right to govern its own internal affairs and that as far as the minor leagues are concerned, the Southern league is the only one in the baseball commission. President John D. Martin of the Southern league, in an interview today in reply to a telegram from August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, to Jules Heinemann, president of the New Orleans Pelicans.

"Answering your telegram, desire to state that if the national association or any of its constituent leagues or clubs enact legislation and attempt to enforce it—that is in violation of any of the provisions of the national agreement, such as contemplated by the Southern league, in minutes of that league, sent by you to Heyder—then all relations of every character between the national commission and the two major leagues and the national association and its various leagues and clubs will be severed and you can so notify Secretary Farrell.

"AUG. HERRMANN, Chairman." The foregoing telegram was in response to one Mr. Heinemann had sent to Mr. Herrmann, asking for a ruling regarding the adoption of the seven-man and selling rules at last fall's meeting of the Southern association, the minutes of which were approved at a meeting in New Orleans this spring. "This is only a starter," Mr. Heinemann declared. "It is only one cog in the big wheel of evidence I am accumulating to prove to the Southern league moguls they are wrong. I have a few more trumps I am holding for the last."

The seven-man rule, according to Mr. Herrmann, was put through for the "sole purpose of compelling New Orleans to break up its championship club."

President Martin's Reply. President Martin of the Southern was asked his side of the matter, and gave out the following statement, which covers the case in full:

"With regard to the telegram of August Herrmann to A. J. Heinemann, of New Orleans, to the effect that relations of every character between the major leagues and the National Association of Minor Leagues will be severed provided the minors insist upon regulating their own affairs, I have simply to say that this matter was settled at the January meeting of the National association in New York City. At that meeting a resolution was adopted providing that the National Association board, (National Board of Arbitration) of which I am a member, shall have original, exclusive and final jurisdiction over all differences, contro-

versies or disputes between its club members, and its club members and players, and the National association shall handle all its players' contracts, and the sales agreements between its club members, fixing of its salary limits and penalties for violation thereof, and of all other internal affairs.

No Jurisdiction. The National commission therefore has no jurisdiction over the rules adopted by the Southern league. The Southern league has the right to legislate upon the subject of its own rules and regulations, provided no rule is adopted which comes in conflict with the National association agreement. In the National association agreement, Article XII, Section 4, it is provided "each separate league, a member of this association, shall have the exclusive right and power to be the sole judge of its player limit, salary limit, and the qualifications of its individual players on each club insofar as the same does not conflict with the national agreement." The national agreement was rescinded by mutual consent of the players and the majors and therefore is no longer in existence. Unless a new contract is made between the minors and the majors by which the jurisdiction of the National commission is restored, that august body has nothing whatever to do with minor league affairs. As far as I am concerned, I will never vote to restore the former jurisdiction of the National commission, which was unjust and unfair to the minors.

Minors Regulate Affairs. "It is my decided opinion that each minor league should regulate its own internal affairs, observing the rights of other leagues and submitting to the National Association of Arbitration disputes and controversies with other leagues or with players in other leagues, and on appeal disputes between its own club members, or its own club members and their players. This is to my mind clearly to the interest of the development of high-class sportsmanship in the South.

Mr. Heinemann was given the full opportunity of reopening his case before the Southern league directorate at New Orleans and failed to do so. He should be a good sport and submit the decision of the directorate of his league, who unquestionably have at heart the best interest of the development of high-class sportsmanship in the South, to the Southern league directorate. The directors proved their good will toward New Orleans by holding their meeting in the fair Crescent City, and if invited, I intend to attend the opening game there.

KID ALL READY.

Kid Elberfeld, who during the off season was an athletic director at Camp Shelby, is now ready to devote his time to baseball. He will again manage the Little Rock club of the Southern league.

Al Spink's Comment

Some one has written: "To accept the worst that fate can deal and to win courage from it instead of despair, that is success." The old Chicago White Stocking team of the '70s followed out the above lines perhaps better than any other baseball team that ever lived.

They never considered a game lost until their last man was out in their last inning. Their old manager, Tom Foley, and their old commander, Jimmy Wood, believed in the old proverb: "While there's life there's hope."

And to the old White Stockings belongs the credit of making the most wonderful rally in the ninth inning of a game ever known in the history of baseball.

The occasion was a red-letter one in baseball annals, the Olympics of Washington being the White Stocking opponents on that occasion. It will be 48 years next spring since this game was played, the last half of the ninth inning the score stood at 7 to 0 against them. There were few of the old fans who remembered the exact score and date.

Even the veteran Tom Foley, was at the score end of it. He saw the game, but until the other day I was not positive as to the exact score and date. There were no files from which to secure the actual evidence.

On Sunday last from an old record, owned by John S. Burke, the old manager of the Garden City, I got the exact figures:

The date was May 16, 1871, and the exact score was White Stockings, 9; Olympics, 7. It was accompanied by the greatest ninth-inning rally in the annals of the national game.

The few lines I wrote about that game a few months ago have brought me letters from many who were there and saw the fun.

Tom Foley, now dean of American baseball room keepers, who was the manager of the Chicago White Stocking team in the '70s, says:

"There was never such a batting rally before or since. When the Chicago nine entered the last half of the ninth inning the score stood at 7 to 0 against them. Capt. Jimmy Wood at that stage shouted to his men: 'We need a

run from every man on the team. See that we get it!' And before the White Stockings quit they had scored nine runs and won the game by 9 to 7."

A. G. Mills, then president of the Olympics, and who sat on the bench with his team that day, is now president of the Otis Elevator company, of New York. Writing of that game, he says:

"It was the greatest ninth-inning rally the game has ever seen or ever will see. The lineup of the Olympics that day was Allison, catcher; Brainerd, pitcher; E. Mills, first base; Sewasay, second base; Waterman, third base; Force, shortstop; Leonard, left field; G. Hall, center; and Glenn right. The Chicago nine included Craver, catcher; Meyerle, pitcher; McKee, first base; Wood, second; Pinkham, third; Hodges, shortstop; Treacy, left field; Cuthbert, center; and Flynn, right.

"As I remember that rally the Olympics had Chicago shut out up to the close of our half of the ninth inning. Chicago went into their half needing seven runs to tie and eight to win. They made just one more run than they needed and won out by 9 to 7."

"The Chicago rally opened with a sharp hit past E. Mills that went for two bases. The next man, summoned to the bat at Force, it proved too hot for him to handle, and then came the crisis, which only ended after Chicago had scored her nine runs. Yes, that was the greatest ninth-inning rally in the history of baseball."

H. H. Hatch, of 231 Greenwood avenue, Chicago, writes: "I was in attendance at the famous game between the Olympics of Washington and the old Chicago White Stockings played on the old lake front grounds on May 16, 1871. It occurred the greatest ninth-inning batting rally in the history of the game. In writing about it I do not forget the Frodo Treacy, the White Stocking left fielder, credit for the two home runs he scored in that awful ninth. The Chicago fans rewarded him that day with tremendous cheer, and

the next day they presented him with a purse containing \$500 in gold. Every member of the White Stockings, too, was remembered with a \$100 suit of clothes. The reason the game was played to a 9-to-7 score was that in those days the game was not over until 27 men had been retired. The White Stockings scored nine runs in that ninth inning before the Olympics had retired three of their men. I think Joe Simmons, of Rochester, N. Y., who later played with the Hop Bitters team, played at right for Chicago that day, but you have Flynn in that position."

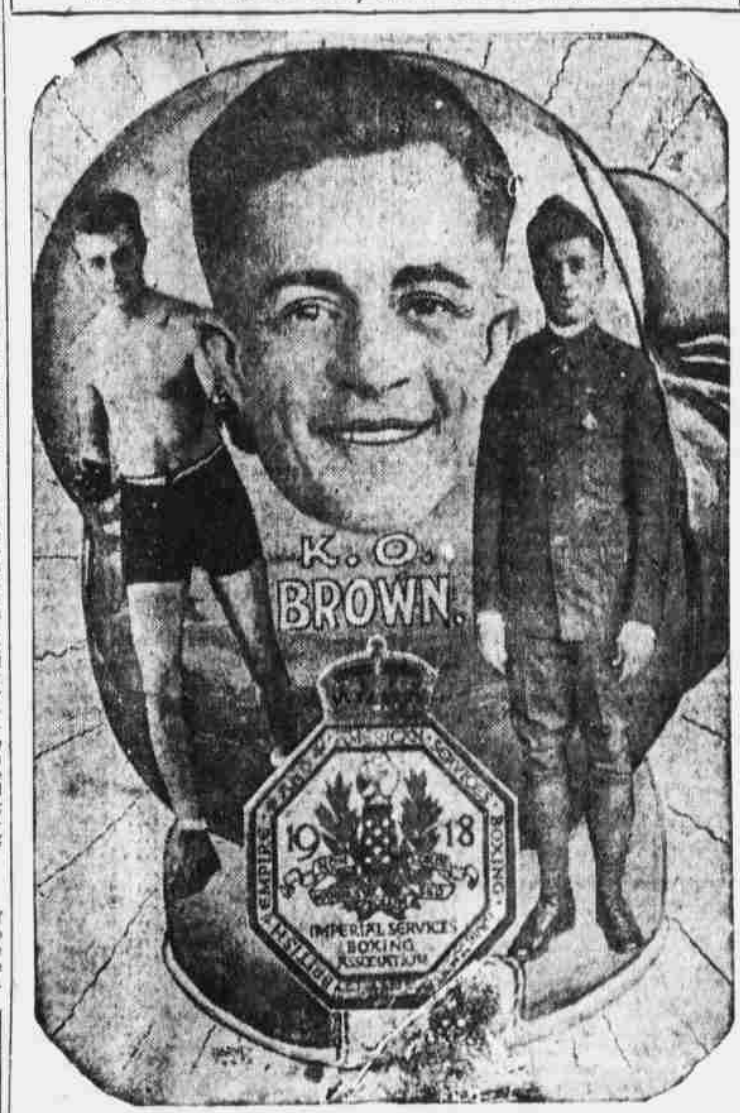
John S. Burke, now at the head of a printing house in Chicago and former manager of the Garden City, says: "No one ever saw a scene to compare with that which accompanied that wonderful ninth-inning rally of the White Stockings in that historic game played in the old lake front grounds nearly 50 years ago."

"Letta, then the best-known actress, who was one of the spectators. In the midst of the excitement smashed the tail hat of a gentleman who happened to be seated in front of her and ruined her time in doing that. Tom Foley, then the manager of the White Stockings, and Norman T. Jassette, then the president of our club, sat on the Chicago bench with Capt. Jimmy Wood and whooped it up for our side."

"A. G. Mills, then the president of the Olympics and for years afterward president of the National league, sat on the Chicago bench and called on his pitcher, Ans Brainerd, to put the ball right over the plate. Brainerd put the ball right over, and our boys who murdered in Treacy's two home runs were terrific lines to far left field. The rally created a sensation all over the country and which talked about for years afterward. It was undoubtedly the greatest batting rally in baseball and, due to the changed conditions, will remain the greatest for all time."

Read News Scimitar Wants.

THIS CRACK FLYWEIGHT WANTS TO MEET PAL MOORE IN MEMPHIS; MAY BE ACCOMMODATED



The very next time Pal Moore, the Memphis bantam, shows before a local audience it will probably be against Young Knockout Brown, a star flyweight, who was one of the prominent figures in the recent allied boxing tourney in London, and who was congratulated by the prince of Wales for his splendid showing in addition to being presented with a gold medal emblematic of the world's championship. Brown wants to bad and, according to promoter Billy Haack, of the Southern Athletic club, the New Orleans boys will probably be accommodated as soon as possible.

Young Knockout Brown joined the colors at Camp Pike shortly after the outbreak of the war. He engaged in a number of bouts at the camp and his remarkable speed and cleverness won him the admiration of all the soldier boys there. He was appointed assistant boxing instructor and for almost a year taught soldiers of all weights the many art of self-defense. His fame soon spread and several times he met boys from other divisions and never once was he returned the loser. The fifth division at all times was ready to back him against any man in the world at 116 pounds.

Brown was called from his company in France and sent to London to fight for the United States in the flyweight division of the international tournament. His comrades said he would come out victorious and he lived up to this prediction.

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